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A GENUINE KONA STORM

Prof. Lyons Thinks It Is Not Over Yet.

WHERE IT CAME FROM

Territorial Meteorologist Describes Weather Phenomena Peculiar To Hawaii.

The storm which has prevailed for the past few days throughout the entire group of Islands, is the chief topic of discussion. The causes and effect, atmospheric and otherwise, have been advanced by the knowing ones. The individual who is unable to tell the difference between a ship's compass and a barometer, or a trade wind and a kona is always heard in the land. It is a fact worthy of note, however, that the Island group has been visited by the heaviest storm experienced for years, while the barometer has registered exceedingly low and the end is not yet.

During an interview yesterday afternoon with Professor Lyons, who has been connected with the Government survey for the past twenty-eight years, and who for the past nineteen years has kept the weather records, the Advertiser obtained much information. He states that the storms that have raged for the past few days is what has always been termed a "Kona" by the natives, meaning of course a strong wind from the southwest, called Kona in the native language, which indicates the southwest corner of the compass.

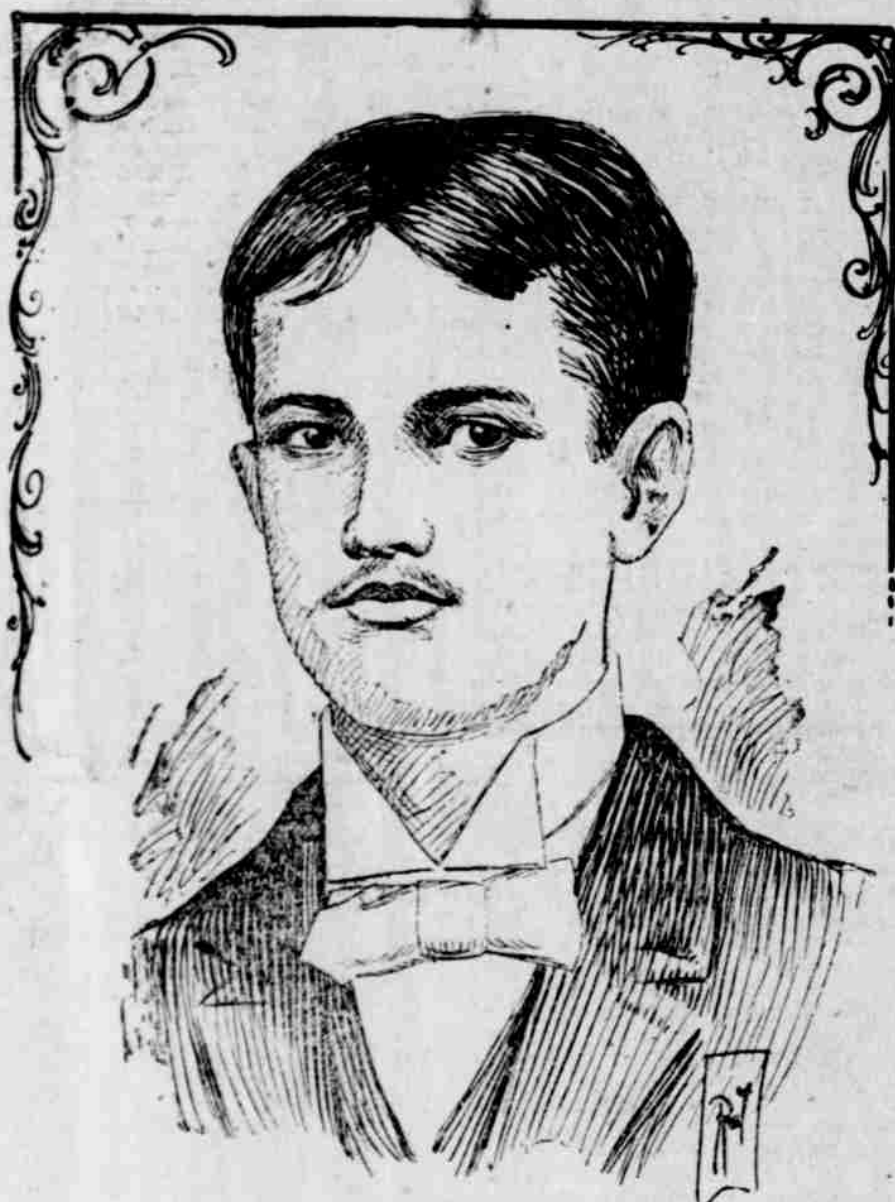
"The white population have adopted the word and use it to express the kind of a storm where the wind is from the southwest or varying to the west and north," said Professor Lyons. "There is no degree of regularity in the coming of the Kona but they appear in the winter season and mostly in November, though occasionally in the southwest winds, one having occurred as late as April."

"In point of fact it is simply a temperate zone revolving storm, while the movement itself is from the northwest as near as known. These revolving storms pass across the Northern Pacific Ocean from east to west, generally as far north as latitude 40 or 50. We frequently catch one of the southwest side of the circumference of the circle, that gives us northerly winds for a few days which pass off. When the path of the storm is to the southward, then we catch the center and the southeastern side, which gives us southwest winds, shifting to the north after it has passed over. It seems likely that the recent storm is the one encountered by the Doric on her recent passage from Yokohama. She probably sailed out of it, possibly traveling more rapidly than the center of the storm did. Honolulu is very much sheltered from the Kona storms by the mountains, which set the winds back and break their force, we sometimes hear of a Kona prevailing on Maui, which is barely perceptible here; of course vessels at sea get the full force of it."

"The heavy surf on the reef and the very low barometer indicates that this was an extensive storm and quite violent at sea. As to the damage done by these storms in the past, it can be stated that houses have frequently been blown down at Koolau, on this island, and also at Kahaia and other places on Hawaii. A point to be taken into consideration and from which the Kona storms have gained such an undesirable name is the fact that the native houses and coasting schooners are fitted out for trade winds, and are not ready for winds coming in the opposite direction. The island shipping have often had occasion to run around to rainy Hilo for shelter during the prevalence of these storms, which generally last for two or three days, although they have been known to last a week, especially when the wind backs around again from west to southwest."

"The last heavy storm occurred in December 1896, there being no special features of it recorded and lasting but a couple of days. Not having heard from the other Islands of the group as yet, I can give no results. There is no doubt, however, but that a heavy fall of snow has occurred on Mauna Kea and Mouna Loa. During the present storm the barometer registered 29.58, being the lowest recorded for a number of years. In January, 1881, the barometer registered 29.41, this being the lowest with two exceptions. It is a fact worthy of note, and of interest to some, that the barometer does not register as low here as in the typhoon and hurricane regions, where it falls to as low as 28. It would be well to state that in Honolulu we are so accustomed to mild weather, that any marked disturbance is made much of. It looks very

WILL BE SECRETARY TO WILCOX AT WASHINGTON



D. KALAUOKALANI, JR.

D. KALAUOKALANI JR., has been appointed private secretary to R. W. Wilcox. He is the son of Senator Kalaauokalani, president of the Independent Home Rule party, and a young man of ability. Mr. Kalaauokalani Jr., was born in Honolulu, Oahu, January 31, 1874. Soon after his birth his parents removed to Maui, and later to Molokai. At the latter place D. Kalaauokalani Jr., then eight years old, attended a Government school. In '82 he was sent to St. Louis College, where he remained ten years, and where he was graduated in '92. The class was memorable, for it was the first graduating class of that institution. Among some of the members of the class were Peter Nauai, James Lane, Frank Kurota and John Crowder Jr. In September of '92 D. Kalaauokalani Jr., entered Oahu College, graduating in '97.

Young Kalaauokalani was then employed by Howard & Train, architects. He remained with them two years and four months, studying architecture, after which time he left and started an architectural business of his own. The early part of this year Mr. Kalaauokalani entered the law office of T. McCants Stewart, where he is at present. He was one of the representative candidates on the Independent ticket for the Fourth District at the last election.

HOW TO LIGHT HOUSES.

Let the Sunshine In Even if It Does Fade Your Carpet.

There is an Italian proverb which says that where the sun does not enter the door does. The truth of the saying cannot be disputed, though our sanitary reformers have perhaps hardly recognized the importance of sunlight in the house, as well as of pure air and pure water. It may be safely said that no chancellor of the exchequer in these days will propose to tax windows, as they were taxed within living memory, with the result that many houses were built and are yet in occupation which are little better than dungeons, but architects have, it seems, not even yet learned the principle upon which a house should be lighted. According to a French authority, M. Trelat, who read a paper on the subject at a recent medical congress in Paris, light should not be admitted horizontally, as by the ordinary window, nor vertically, as by a skylight. Our rooms should be so constructed as to receive their light at an angle of 30 degrees. The objection to horizontal light is based upon the theory that its rays may be contaminated by passing through the dust and vapors which escape from the soil. In any case, it is most important that light should be freely admitted to every floor of a house, and, most of all, to those lower regions which it so often fails to penetrate. For, according to good authority, it is in the lower floors that microbes most do congregate, and sunshine is the enemy of bacteria. We are much afraid, however, that these wise utterances are counsels of perfection. Still, the object should be kept in view, for light is unquestionably a condition of health.—London Globe.

THE POET LAUREATE AT IT AGAIN.

THE MERCY OF THE MIGHTY.

No, not that they were weak and we were strong.

Nor to avenge imaginary slight To England's virgin majesty and might, And make her long-armed Sceptre yet more long.

From field and forge she mustered virile

And sped her war-shares through the waters white.

But to uphold repudiated Right, And bring to end insufferable wrong;

That, on remotest shore where her renown

Wakes sluggish souls to strenuous discontent,

On her fair Flag should be nor stain nor rent.

No man to no man kneel nor grovel down, But, all men wearing Freedom's kingly crown,

Hope still might dawn for darkest Continent.

So to the Lord of the embattled host, Not unto us, praise and thanksgiving be, Who made this Isle vicegerent of the Sea, And spread its empery from coast to coast;

Empire whose sole and not unworthy boast

Is to proclaim the fettered must be free, And, firm as Fate enforcing that decree, Is least avenging when victorious most.

Therefore let now raid and rebellion cease;

And Might's twin, Mercy, heal the wounds of war,

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